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ACTION EA-14

INFO OCT-01 EUR-25 NEA-10 ADP-00 SSO-00 INRE-00 PM-09 H-02

INR-10 L-03 NSC-10 PA-03 RSC-01 PRS-01 SS-15 IO-12

DPW-01 AID-20 NSCE-00 RSR-01 /138 W  
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O R 181110 Z MAY 73

FM AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 4141

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INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

AMEMBASSY PARIS

AMEMBASSY PHNOM PENH

AMEMBASSY SAIGON

AMEMBASSY OTTAWA

AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI

AMCONSUL UDORN

USDEL JEC PARIS

USIA WASHDC

SECDEF

USDAO SAIGON

DIRNSA FT GG MEADE MD

CINCPAC

CINCUSARPAC

COMUSMACTHAI

DEPCHJUSMAGTHAI

CINCPACFLT

CINCPACAF

CDR USSAG NKP

CDR 13 AF ADVON UDORN

388 TFW KORAT

DODSPECREP BANGKOK

DODSPECREP NKP

CHSPECATS BANGKOK

7 ACCS KORAT

354 TFW KORAT RTAFB

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56 SOW NKP  
432 TRW UDORN  
CDR JCRC NKP  
8 TFW UBON  
ARMA/ AIRA VTN LAOS  
ARMA/ AIRA SVKT LAOS

C O N F I D E N T I A L VIENTIANE 3716

E. O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MOPS, PINS, PINT, PFOR, LA  
SUBJECT: LAO SITUATION REPORT- MAY 18

CINCPAC ALLO FOR POLAD: 13 AF ADVON, 432 TRW, 56 SOW,  
388 TFW, 354 TFW AND 8 TFW FOR DO/ DI; MACTHAI FOR J2  
AND PAO.

REF: VIENTIANE 3688

BEGIN SUMMARY: MILITARY- THERE WERE ONLY TWO GROUND INCIDENTS  
REGISTERED DURING PERIOD 16-17 MAY, ONE OF WHICH WAS  
MAJOR SHELLING OF FRIENDLY POSITION NORTHWEST OF DONG  
HENE. DELAYED REPORTS REVEAL ABDUCTION OF FOUR CIVILIANS  
NEAR BOUAM LONG, NORTH OF PDJ, AS WELL AS LOSS OF LOCAL  
DEFENSE OUTPOST WELL EAST OF PAKSANE IN NORTHERN MR- III  
ENCLAVE. RLAF FLEW FIVE SORTIES, ALL IN SUPPORT OF  
TROOPS IN CONTACT. POLITICAL- TWO LPF REPRESENTATIVES  
LEFT VIENTIANE FOR SAM NEUA ON MAY 17. TOURING LPF  
DELEGATION ARRIVED IN HAVANA ON MAY 15. END SUMMARY

#### 1. MILITARY SITUATION

A. MR I: NO GROUND OR AIR ACTION REPORTED.  
B. MR II- NO GROUND OR AIR ACTION REPORTED. NORTH OF  
PDJ, 8 CIVILIANS, TESTING ABILITY TO RETURN TO THEIR FIELDS  
SOME 8 KM EAST OF BOUAM LONG, ENCOUNTERED ENEMY TROOPS,  
WHO HELD 4 MEN AND RELEASED 4 WOMEN ON 13 MAY. SOUTHWEST  
OF PDJ, FRIENDLY PATROL ENCOUNTERED MIXED NVA/ PL PATROL  
NORTHEAST OF BAN NA, SHARED MEAL AND DEPARTED AMICABLY  
ON 15 MAY. ON 16 MAY, AMERICAN CONTRACT AIRCRAFT, RE-  
SUPPLYING RLG ENCLAVE IN FAR SOUTHEASTERN PORTION OF  
REGION, VICINITY MUONG MOC, WAS HIT BY ONE ROUND AAA FIRE;  
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AIRCRAFT RECOVERED SAFELY WITHOUT CASUALTIES.  
C. MR III- ONLY MAJOR INCIDENT IN COUNTRY OCCURRED  
MORNING 16 MAY (0100 Z), WHEN ENEMY FIRED ESTIMATED 135  
ROCKET/ MORTAR ROUNDS AT POSITION 12 KM NORTHWEST OF DONG  
HENE, VICINITY WD 255555, (6 FRIENDS WIA). RLAF FLEW 3  
T-28 SORTIES ON 17 MAY AND ONCE AC-47 GUNSHIP SORTIE  
PREVIOUS NIGHT, ALL IN SUPPORT OF FOREGOING ACTION, WITH

NO VISIBLE RESULTS. DELAYED FIELD REPORT INDICATED LOCAL DEFENSE UNIT LOST OUTPOST TO MINOR ENEMY ATTACK ON 14 MAY ( NO CASUALTIES). RLAF SORTIES REPORTED REFTEL WERE IN RETALIATION FOR LOSS OF THIS POSITION IN ENCLAVE SOME 100 KM EAST OF PAKSANE IN NORTHERN MR- III. D. MR IV: THERE WAS ONE MINOR ENEMY ATTACK IN PHIAFAY AREA, WELL SOUTHEAST OF PAKSE, ON 16 MAY ( NO CASUALTIES). RLAF FLEW ONE AC-47 GUNSHIP SORTIE DURING NIGHT 16-17 MAY, IN SUPPORT OF FOREGOING ACTION. FRIENDS ALSO FIRED 33 ROUNDS OF ARTILLERY FROM SOUKHOUMA BATTERY AGAINST SUSPECTED ENEMY LOCATIONS, WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS, ON 16 MAY. E. MR V: NO GROUND OR AIR ACTION REPORTED. PATROL FOUND TWO ENEMY MORTARS EAST OF SALA PHOUN KHOUN ON 14 MAY.

## 2. POLITICAL SITUATION

A. PATHET LAO RADIO REPORTED THAT LPF REPRESENTATIVES TIAO SOUK VONGSAK AND MAHA KOU SOUVANNAMETHI LEFT VIENTIANE ON AEROFLOT MORNING MAY 17 ENROUTE TO SAM NEUA TO " REPORT ON STATE OF NEGOTIATIONS." REPRESENTATIVES ARE PRESUMABLY ALSO CARRYING COPY OF NEW PROPOSAL WHICH SOUVANNA GAVE TO SPECIAL ADVISOR PHOUMI ON MAY 14.

B. LPF RADIO REPORTED THAT LPF DELEGATION, HEADED BY NOUHAK PHOUMSAVAN, ARRIVED IN HAVANNA MAY 15 IN SIXTH STOP ON THEIR MONTH- LONG TRAVELS TO " FRIENDLY SOCIALIST COUNTRIES." DEAN

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